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SUBJECT: PROBLEMS OF COMMUNISM

1. EMBASSY AND USIS OFFICERS HAVE READ "KIM'S KOREAN COMMUNISM" BY BRUCE C. CUMINGS IN ADVANCE COPY OF PROBLEMS OF COMMUNISM MARCH-APRIL 1974. OUR OPINION IS THAT ROKG WILL, AT MINIMUM, FIND ARTICLE OFFENSIVE AND COULD CHARGE KOREANS WHO DISTRIBUTE OR POSSESS IT WITH VIOLATION OF ANTI-COMMUNIST LAW. STRONG POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT ROKG WILL ATTEMPT TO SWEEP UP ALL COPIES AFTER DISTRIBUTION.

2. BASED ON PRINTING AND SHIPPING INFORMATION FROM MANILA RSC, OUR BEST ESTIMATE IS THAT BULK COPIES WILL ARRIVE IN SEOUL FOR DISTRIBUTION APPROXIMATELY JUNE 20.

3. SHOULD ROKG FIND ARTICLE OFFENSIVE OR VIOLATION OF ANTI-COMMUNIST LAW AND ON THAT, OR ANY OTHER GROUNDS ATTEMPT TO RECALL ALL COPIES, WE MAY BE APPROACHED BY GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES. IF THIS OCCURS WE WILL SAY THAT PROBLEMS OF COMMUNISM IS SERIOUS SCHOLARLY JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL REPUTE WHICH HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED BY USIS IN KOREA AND MANY OTHER COUNTRIES FOR SEVERAL YEARS. WE WILL ALSO CALL ATTENTION TO DISCLAIMER ON INSIDE FRONT COVER.

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4. FYI. PROBLEMS IS DISTRIBUTED TO ABOUT 400 INDIVIDUALS
AND ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT KOREA INCLUDING
SCHOLARS, PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED RESEARCH
INSTITUTIONS, UNIVERSITIES AND NEWSPAPERS. END FYI.

5. DEPARTMENT PASS USIA.
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